

Minutes of the Madawaska School Committee **Regular** Meeting held September 12, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Conference Room.

PRESENT: Yves Dube, Chairperson
Roger Thibodeau (absent)
David Morneau (absent)
Walter Desrosier
Keith Theriault

Terry L. Wood, Superintendent
and Recorder
Wayne Anderson
Ginette Albert
Christine Cowie

GUESTS PRESENT: See attached list

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adjustment to the Agenda.

By consensus to add report under Superintendent's report VII.

III. Correspondence and Announcements.

IV. Period of Public Participation about Items on this Agenda.

Copies of policies changes should be available for public posting. A question was asked that if changes need to be made public before taken to the school committee meeting for approval.

V. Approval of Minutes.

Keith Theriault moved to accept minutes of the August 15, 2011 regular meeting with the adjustment on Item IXB school nurse maintain status quo from 2010-2011 school year contract. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 3-0-0.

Walter Desrosier moved to accept minutes of special meeting of August 29, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed.

VI. Approval of the June 2011 Financial Report.

Keith Theriault moved to accept the 06/2011 financial report as presented. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and passed 3-0-0.

VII. Superintendent's Report.

A) Update on the Biomass project.

Superintendent Wood reported that WBRC was awarded Phase II project for design and the project would be going out to bid. Mrs. Wood read letter from Industrial Heating & Piping regarding progress and dates for project.

B) Ordering Bus.

Discussion regarding types of bus and specification that are being addressed before the final decision is being made. Size, fuel tank and other items were discussed.

C) Half-time elementary teaching position for school year 2011-12 only.

It was explained in order to meet the needs of the students to fulfill their IEP requirements, it will be necessary to move the staff back to the high school and hire a half-time elementary position. After discussion Walter Desrosier moved to hire a half-time elementary teacher for school year 2011-12 only. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 3-0-0.

D) Teacher Evaluations.

Superintendent Wood informed the school committee the recent legislative changes to Maine's teacher employment and evaluation. The changes will be implemented this school year.

E) 1st reading of Policy JFCC-R/EEACC-R Student Conduct on School Buses.

After discussion Keith Theriault moved to accept these changes as the first reading of the policy. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 3-0-0.

VIII. Other Reports:

A) Open House - Elementary Principal

Mrs. Albert gave out a flyer and discussed the scheduled open house. Announcement went out on ALERTNOW and channel 16.

B) Assessments - Middle/High School Principal

Mr. Anderson recognized the work that Ben Sirois and April LeClair have done thus far. Twenty-two students are enrolled in Early College. Students are involved in many assessments at this time including: PSAT, NECAP and ASVAD.

IX. Items of Business:

New Business:

A) Boys' JV Basketball Coach nomination.

Mrs. Wood recommended Marc Albert as the JV basketball coach for school year 2011-12. Walter Desrosier moved to accept the

recommendation of Mrs. Wood. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 3-0-0.

B) Resignation.

Keith Theriault moved to accept the resignation from Rita Pelletier, elementary school teacher effective December 1, 2011. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 3-0-0.

C) Grade 6 Quebec Trip June 1, 2012

Discussion on what the trip involved with no cost to the school department. If substitute teachers were needed, this would have to be paid with the fundraising funds. Students will be required to provide a presentation at the June school committee meeting.

Keith Theriault moved to approve trip with the above stipulations. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 3-0-0.

Old Business:

A) Special Education Director's contract agreement.

Superintendent Wood explained that no action was taken at the August 29, 2011 meeting. Walter Desrosier moved to employ Diane Castonguay at \$40,000 at 720 hours for school year 2011-12. Seconded by Keith Theriault and so passed 3-0-0.

X. A) Keith Theriault moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) to discuss Classroom Teachers Bargaining Unit labor contract. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 3-0-0.

Time In: 5:15pm

Time Out: 5:45pm

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No report.

XI. Keith Theriault moved to adjourn meeting at 5:45pm. Seconded by Walter Desrosier and so passed 3-0-0.